

THE MEANING OF THE NAMES AND MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF EPIC HEROES IN THE TURKIC EPICS

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The article considers the functional role of the names of the main characters in the Turkic and basically in Kazakh epics. The variability at the level of plot, poetics and language is observed due to the nature of oral existence of epic works. This basic characteristic of folklore has an impact on the character's name, which in its turn has its own variations depending on the rhythmic structure, melodic picture and poetic tasks of legends. According to the epic tradition the storytellers gave names to heroic legends, performing by themselves, the given name of the main hero could characterize his personal nature. During the study the followings could be observed: typical places in the names of Turkic-Tatar epics and the naming process in real life of Turks. Especially, the father of a future hero who names his son is also mentioned in the Kazakh heroic epics.

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